

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 were pending in this application, with Claims 15-27 being withdrawn from consideration. In the present amendment, two sets of Claims 3 and 4 (mistakenly numbered with duplicate numbers) have been canceled and renumbered as new Claims 41-44; previously withdrawn Claims 15-27 have been canceled; Claim 14 has been amended; and new Claim 45 has been added. In view of the foregoing, Claims 1-14 and 28-45 are now pending in this application.

Election of Species Requirement

In the Office Action mailed May 9, 2007, the position was set forth that the application contained claims directed to three patently distinct species: Species I, drawn to a container being an envelope; Species II, drawn to a container being a box; and Species III, drawn to a container being a bag. Accordingly, a requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect a single species for prosecution was set forth.

In response to the election of species requirement, applicants elect Species I, drawn to a container being an envelope, for prosecution on the merits, without prejudice to filing divisional applications on the nonelected species. Applicants hereby make such election without traverse.

In view of applicants' election of species, Claim 14 has been amended to remove language directed to the nonelected species and new Claim 45, directed to the nonelected species, has been added. Accordingly, Claims 1-14 and 28-44 are readable upon the elected species.

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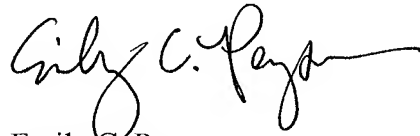
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CONCLUSION

If there are any remaining issues regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

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